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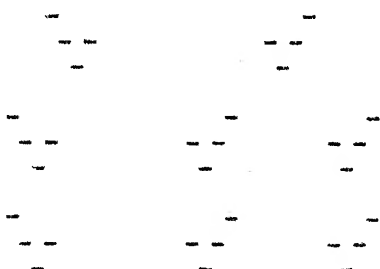
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1. Two Pe-2s and one single-engine biplane were parked at the Farndorf (P 48/X 77) airfield on 11 August 1950. * The following formation flew over the field: At 8:20 a.m. a formation of 84 fighters with in-line engines flying in two groups of 32 and a rear group of 20 planes, came from the southwest and headed northeast:



Rear group of 20 planes



Two groups of 32 planes each

At 8:45 a.m., a formation of 54 Pe-2s, flying in groups of three, two groups side by side. The planes came from the northeast and headed southwest:



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At 9 a.m., a formation of 20 fighters coming from the southeast and heading northwest: **

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2. About 20 white tents were pitched on the edge of the field.

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* Comment. The information on the changing occupation proves that bomber units were only temporarily stationed at the field for training purposes. the bomber unit came from Strashof, as was reported on 12 July 1950. See

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** Comment. Since flights of four planes and three planes were observed, the actual organization of the bomber unit cannot be determined. However, it is possible that the difference in the formations was caused by conditions during maneuvers, such as breakdown of aircraft, etc. Contrary to the organization of bomber units in flights of three planes, which was observed in the Soviet Zone of Germany, it was believed that the bombers flew in flights of four in Austria. From the number of aircraft assigned to the training bomber and fighter units it was inferred that practice was held by one or two regiments.

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